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# Bush Honors Webster

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush gave a Medal of Freedom to CIA Director William Webster on Thursday, saluting him for "a lifetime of accomplishment." The award came just two days after Webster agreed to stay on the job at least a month longer than planned.

A White House spokesman said the award, in part, recognizes Webster's role in Operation Desert Storm.

Webster was not among a group of officials that Bush publicly honored earlier this month for their roles in Desert Storm in an East Room ceremony.

Bush then gave medals of freedom to Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, Secretary of State James A. Baker III and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

Webster on Tuesday agreed to delay his scheduled July 31 departure from the agency because of the delay in confirmation hearings for Robert M. Gates, bush's nominee for the post.

White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk said that the president wanted to commend Webster for "the magnificent work he did during Desert Storm and Desert Shield" as well as his eight years as a federal judge, his nine years as director of the FBI and for his four years as director of central intelligence.

However, the citation to Webster did not mention the Persian Gulf War at all. It called Webster "a true patriot for whom love of country has been his guiding principle."

Popadiuk, asked why Webster was not honored with the others, said the earlier awards "were different" in that they focused primarily on performance during the Persian Gulf War.